

CLEARANCE SALES

The prudent shopper takes advantage of these sales early. Are you one of them? Now is the time when your dollars will almost double in value in many purchases.

\$22	Ladies' Suits, Clearance Price,	\$11
19	"	9.50
16.50	"	8.25
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All of our Coats are marked down, a saving of \$2.50 to \$6.50 on a coat.

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LET US HELP YOU Solve That Christmas Problem

STOVES, DISHES, GLASSWARE, SKATES,
HOCKEY STICKS, GUNS, PIPES, ELECTRIC
LAMPS, ELECTRIC TOASTERS,
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Don't Fail to See Our 10c Counter

**G. L. THURSTON & SON,
BETHEL, MAINE**

Have You Seen Our Corn Machine?

Come in and look it over.

We can pop corn for your Christmas tree
cheaper than you can buy it and pop it your-
self.

Give us a trial.

Come in and Look at Our
Green Seal Christmas Boxes

The Best on the Market

BETHEL FRUIT CO.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Merry Christmas to all.

Mrs. Fred Philbrook was in Portland, Saturday.

Mr. Perley Flint of No. Newry was in town, Monday.

Mrs. Charles Cole visited friends at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

Deputy Sheriff A. W. Arkett of West Paris was in town, Friday.

Mrs. Piper of Dexter is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Rollins.

Mr. Rescoe Gross will spend Christmas with his parents in Portland.

Miss Miriam Herriek went to Boston, Saturday to spend a few days.

Mrs. Fred Adams visited her parents in Shelburne, N. H., last week.

Miss Angie Chapman has returned from a visit with friends in Bath.

Mr. Henry Austin was a guest of his sister in Paris the first of the week.

Miss Starrett is spending the holidays with her parents in Warren, Me.

Mr. Morrill Maxwell of Lynn, Mass., is visiting Mr. Fred Clark and family.

Mr. Albert Clark is home from Wentworth Institute for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Nellie Coburn of Portland is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Perley A. Jewell.

Master Richard Browne is spending his vacation with his mother on Long Mountain.

Miss Brooks is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Woodstock, N. B.

Miss Florence Springer is spending a few days with friends in Winthrop and Augusta.

Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Mrs. Clarence Fox and Marion Dean were in Portland, Saturday.

Miss Marion Mansfield of Smith College is expected to arrive Thursday for the holidays.

Miss Yvonne Browne is spending her vacation in Newburyport, Mass., with her grandparents.

Mrs. Steven Byrd of Gorham, N. H., was a guest of her brother, Mr. Herman Mason, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Browne came in from their camp to spend Saturday night and Sunday at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Duval of Mechanic Falls will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. H. S. Pughard.

Miss Leona Parlin went to Holliston, Mass., Saturday, to spend several months with relatives and friends.

Charles A. Douglas and Mrs. Newell Holman have bought the chair factory property and are getting the mill ready to run. They have already contracted for the sawing of a large amount of long and short lumber and will do a general sawing business. There will be a chance in the building for some good industry to locate.

The Ladies' Club will be omitted this week.

Mr. Charles E. Neal was in Auburn a few days last week.

Mr. Gilbert Rich of New York is spending a few days in town.

The Ladies' Club spent a delightful afternoon with Miss Upson last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Howe of East Bethel were in the village last Thursday.

Miss Mildred Morgan, who was ill with tonsillitis, has returned to her work at Maple Inn.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 29, at three o'clock.

Evelyn Chandler of Norway is spending her vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Only 7 days more in which to get the Pine Tree Poultry Herald free. See advertisement in another column.

Mrs. Blackwell, who has been staying at Elbert Tuell's, will spend Christmas at her home in Cambridge.

Mr. Gotthard Carlson of Dorchester, Mass., will spend Christmas with his wife at her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell.

Mr. W. A. Banting was in Bethel, Tuesday, in his official capacity and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mrs. Bertram Packard of Camden arrived in Bethel, Friday, to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Davis Lovejoy.

Miss Hamlin has returned to her home in Milan, N. H., after spending several days with her cousin, Mrs. Sidney Howe.

Miss Margaret Herriek of Mt. Holyoke College will spend the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herriek.

Mr. Irving Harriman, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the C. M. G. Hospital, is reported as gaining.

Mr. Paul K. Ames of New York came to accompany his mother, Mrs. Agnes Ames, to New York, where she will spend the winter.

Mr. Carroll Valentine of Dartmouth College is spending the Christmas recess with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine.

Mr. Alton Richardson came home from the University of Maine last Thursday and is assisting in the store of Ceylon Rowe & Son.

Mr. George Massey, a former student of the Academy, who went to California a few years ago was calling on friends in town last week.

Mr. Harold Rich arrives Thursday night from Williams College to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Rich.

The Christmas concert of the M. E. Church will be Thursday evening, Dec. 24 and the usual supper for the Sunday school will be on New Year's eve.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

L. M. STEARNS

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Don't Forget that the New Year is approaching and that you want to start right.

Have a calendar for Jan. 1, 1915 which will be an ornament to your home for twelve months. Come in and buy some goods and get a calendar.

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These Pieces Given Away in Trade	
1 Doughnut Cutter.....	\$2.35
1 Measuring Cup.....	2.35
1 Coffee Extractor.....	2.50
1 Pair of Salt and Pepper Shakers.....	2.90
1 Drinking Cup.....	3.00
1 Soup Strainer.....	3.00
1 Coffee Strainer.....	3.00
1 1 Qt. Pudding Pan.....	6.10
1 Pie Plate.....	6.35
1 1 Qt. Lipped Sauce Pan.....	6.50
1 1 Pt. Dipper.....	6.55
1 Set of 6 Jelly Moulds.....	6.50
1 Skimmer.....	7.00
1 1 Qt. Mixing Bowl.....	8.35
1 1 Qt. Dipper.....	8.35
1 1 1/2 Qt. Lipped Sauce Pan.....	9.40
1 Jelly Cake Pan.....	11.05
1 2 Qt. Pudding Pan.....	12.00
1 Bread or Loaf Cake Pan.....	12.00
1 2 Qt. Mixing Bowl.....	13.20
1 1 Qt. Milk Pail.....	15.50
1 3 Qt. Lipped Sauce Pan.....	15.55
1 No. 450 Fry Pan.....	20.50
1 3 Qt. Berlin Sauce Pan.....	21.50
1 6 Qt. Preserving Kettle.....	26.55
1 4 Qt. Berlin Kettle.....	27.50
1 Set of 3 Nested Sauce Pans.....	31.50
1 1 1/2 Qt. Double Boiler.....	33.50
1 No. 510 Round Roaster.....	35.00
1 2 Qt. Double Boiler.....	38.00
1 2 Qt. Coffee Pot.....	40.00
1 No. 510 Piece Comb Set.....	44.40
1 2 Qt. Tea Pot.....	49.00
1 2 Qt. Plain Percolator.....	50.00
1 Dinner Pail.....	50.00
1 Steamer Pail.....	52.00
1 2 Qt. Fancy Percolator.....	60.00
1 7 Qt. Tea Kettle.....	77.70

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That Because It Is A Shoe
Store You Can't Find Any-
thing for Christmas.

COME IN and Let Us Show You What A Nice Line of
Slippers, Shoes and Boots We Have.

E. E. RANDALL

CHRISTMAS IS MOST HERE

For those you have not already selected gifts for, a visit to this store will solve the problem of what to give.

Time and space forbid mention of the hundreds of gifts waiting your inspection. While the Christmas trade has been good and many lines are broken, still the large stock this store carried and frequent reorders have kept the stock in good shape and you will find many pleasing gifts here even at the last minute.

A Very Merry Christmas to You All

EDWARD KING,

Bethel, Maine

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they Join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide.

LOVE AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Christina Rossetti
Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
Star and angels gave the sign,
Love shall be our token;
Love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and all men,
Love the universal sign.

What Christmas really means is this: that on Christmas Day the boundaries of Earth and Heaven touch and intermingle, and that the love of God and the love of Man are two sides of the same blessing. And these truths belong to all good creeds.

For Christmas Day really brings us, year by year, an assurance that God loves the world, and cares for each of us, and, having Himself entered into the experiences of our human life from the beginning, knows us, understands us, and is blessedly able to make sympathetic allowance for us. And having its dawn and brightness in the face of a little Child it consecrates our natural love of children and sends us here and there on pleasant errands whose intention is to make the children happy. That is the keynote for the Day: that it is the Birthday of a Child; a Child Festival.

And, since Christmas is a Child Festival, plainly it should be observed with such rites as will make children happy.

It is well that the house should be hung with green festoons and wreaths in the windows, so that it shall shine like Christmas and look like Christmas and about a "Merry Christmas" to all the passersby.

It is right that there should be a tree, its top pointing to Heaven, the source of all our blessings, with its branches stretched out in all the directions of the compass—a symbol of the fraternity and hospitality of this holy season.

It is right that stockings shall hang, a jingling row, beside the fireplace or outside the bedroom door. For the tree and the stockings belong to the Christmas tradition, and have come down through many centuries, a heritage of delight which we, in turn, are to cherish and transmit. They are mystic observances which connect us with the friendly saints, with knights and minstrels, with immemorial songs and stories, and which, apart from all antiquity, are good for their own sake.

It is well and right, too, that there should be gifts for the children, just as the Wise Men traveled over the long roads from the mysterious East and brought gifts to the Christ-Child. But let the gifts be few. For the plain effect of a great lot of gifts is only to confuse the children. Their arms are filled with twenty different toys and games, and their minds are filled with a proportionate perplexity which presently makes its way to their nerves. The result is that nothing is fairly appreciated, half of the gifts are broken before sundown, and the children go to bed with frowns and tears. A great quantity of gifts at one time is like a great quantity of food: it hurts the children.

A smaller number of gifts, and more love and care in their selection, would add also in keeping the children, and us elders as well, in truer accord with the real Christmas spirit. For the heart of the Christmas happiness is kindness, and consideration, and concern for others. It is the mind whose note is set in the sentence: "God so loved the world." And this is very hard to keep in the midst of the holiday confusion. Accordingly the thoughtful

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Peruna is not a new and untried remedy—our grandfathers used it.

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Have You Forgotten Anyone?

If you have give them something to wear as
Slippers, Gloves, Neckties, Handkerchiefs,
Clothing or any one of hundreds of
things that can be found at

"Carver's"

purchaser, he or she, who buys few gifts but buys them with love and care, lifts a bit of the heavy burden which falls at this time on the shoulders of shopgirls. Some of them hate Christmas. It is a season of noise and disorder, of pushing and pulling, of long hours and bad manners. This is largely because so many people have to buy too many presents, and put some of the Christmas shopping into the last ten days. To begin early, and to buy less and with greater care, is a way to extend the Christmas blessings of Good Will and Peace so that they include buyers and sellers.

If we would only simplify our Christmas in this way, introducing a little more reason and restraint into our buying, would we not of necessity have a little more time to remember those who in pain, poverty and loneliness, or other deprivation, will not have a very happy Christmas unless we help them? For Christmas does not mean joy everywhere. It is cruelly hard to be in physical pain on Christmas Day. The loneliness of Christmas Day is lonelier than the loneliness of any other day. The first Christmas after a sorrow is particularly keen and cold. It is hard for those of us who are richly blessed to think of Christmas in any other way than as a season of gladness and merriment. But there are thousands of hearts filled with a peculiarly heavy sadness that day.

A simpler Christmas would give us more time to think of others who are saddened and less fortunate, and who may need us. And, aside from the greater freedom for us, what greater blessings would come with the Day if we thought a little more of others. Let us be glad on Christmas Day: the Day was so intended. The angels singing above the fields of Bethlehem; the sky shining; the Babe lying low in the manger; the simple shepherds filled with joy; the Wise Men on camels on their long journey to the little stable—all these beautiful wonders and symbols should make us glad of the Day, but glad in the true spirit of the Life that was given to the world on that day: a Life of simplicity in itself, and of love and consideration for others. That is what Christmas really means: May such a Christmas be yours.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

The Christmas tree will be at the M. E. Church, Thursday evening. P. R. Andrews, Martin Barrett, Anna Davis, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Q. Perham were among those from here who attended State Grange at Lewiston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wood spent the week end with their uncle, E. C. Curtis, of Paris Hill. Edwin Russell is on the sick list. Mabel Fields is at work for George Curtis at North Paris.

P. R. Andrews and Martha Barrett spent Sunday with Frank Allen and family of Bethel.

Elmer Hammond was at South Paris, Tuesday.

P. R. Andrews, Martha Barrett, Mrs. Mary Hammond and daughter, Cora, were at Norway recently on business. Mary Andrews spent the week end with her son, Fred, of West Paris, who is reported in very poor health.

Elmer Davis and Harry Sanborn were at Norway and South Paris recently on business.

Mrs. Roy Titus and daughter, Gertrude, of Bryant's Pond spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews.

Francis Hammond of Rochester, N. H., was in town recently.

NEWRY.

Mrs. Irving French attended the State Grange at Lewiston last week.

A. C. Littlehale and Rob Enman are hauling apples to Bethel.

Mr. Stevens and Harry Isaacson from Norway were in town last Friday with their usual assortment of Christmas goods.

W. N. Powers was in Portland last Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Frost was in Bethel last Saturday.

WEST BETHEL.

The funeral of little Lawrence Lowell, aged six years, was held from the house, Sunday at one o'clock, Rev. J. H. Little speaking words of comfort. His teacher and all of his schoolmates being present. Interment in Pine Grove cemetery, West Bethel. Friends from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Ada Mills from Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. P. Lowe and granddaughter from Newry, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Jodrey from Bethel. Mrs. Clara Abbott was in Lewiston, Saturday.

Mrs. Mattie Goodnow and little daughter from Gorham are at George Goodnow's.

Miss Minnie Wilson is teaching school in the Flat district.

The West Bethel school closed Friday for a vacation of two weeks.

Sunday the first team crossed on the ice at the ferry.

The road breaking crew were called out Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Scribner is in Windham caring for the sick.

Mrs. Maude O'Reilly is now able to sit up a part of the time.

Harry Bond, Mrs. Emma Mills and Mrs. Stella Goodridge attended State Grange at Lewiston last week.

Mrs. L. E. Allen went to Boston, Saturday. Her daughter, Ethel, will accompany her home for Christmas.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Reading of the death of Mrs. Clara Bacon Hosmer reminds the writer of our pleasant days at Gould's Academy with G. M. Bodge, teacher, and her name, Clara E. Bacon, is in our autograph album with these words:—

"Days of sunshine are given to all, But into each life some rain must fall. Bethel, Me., Sept. 3, 1877."

Other names are Ella and Emma Newhall, Andover, Me.; Eva E. Foster, Bethel Hill, Me.

"Your friend and teacher, C. W. Hobbs, Bethel, April 22, 1871."

"Remember your friend and schoolmate, Wesley K. Woodbury, April 22, 1871."

Katie Phillips, May 3rd, 1871.

Ella Cummings, "Tis sweet to be remembered."

Alce M. Kimball, Bethel, Me., June 22, 1874.

"You have the best wishes of your teacher and friend, G. M. Bodge."

And other names with lovely lines kept all these years in "Loving Remembrance."

Your Cold Is Dangerous Break It Up—Now

A cold is readily catching. A running system is susceptible to germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of your household to fight the germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is fine for Colds and Coughs. It loosens the mucous, stops the Cough and soothes the Lungs. It's guaranteed. Only 25c at your Druggist. Adv.

EAST SUMMER.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Barrows spent several days in Lewiston recently.

Three automobile parties from this place went to Lewiston, Saturday.

Union Grange was invited to visit North Bethel Grange last Saturday and a goodly number accepted the invitation.

Mrs. F. W. Palmer, Mrs. M. R. Fogg, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braden, Mrs. C. M. Stephens and Miss Mildred Keene were in Lewiston shopping one day last week.

Miss Elsie Palmer is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from her school in Rumford.

Philip and Helen Tucker were guests of their brother, E. E. Tucker, in Gardiner, Sunday.

Tena Donney is teaching school in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Bryant were guests of Mrs. Bryant's mother in Auburn the first of the week.

Mrs. Eliza Bibeau is in very poor health. Julia Barrows is caring for her.

He who loves little dares little.

CANTON

Mrs. Chas. D. Whittemore of E. Dixfield has been a guest of her son, E. B. Whittemore and wife, of Canton.

Roller skating will be enjoyed at the Opera House on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Chas. F. Oldham has been a guest of Mrs. Will Nason of Livermore Falls.

Mrs. Alpheus Packard has gone to Mexico to spend the winter.

Harris Jones went to Portland, Saturday.

Chas. B. Dodge of Brighton is a guest of his brother, Frank W. Dodge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stevens of Orr's Island are guests of Mrs. Walter Gammon and family.

Marguerite Hollis, Swasey Wadlin and Geo Lavorgna are home for a vacation.

The village schools closed last Friday and a large number of visitors were present on that day. Christmas tree was enjoyed in all the schools with the exception of the High school. Mr. Partridge, principal of the High school, was surprised and pleased to receive from his pupils a gift of a silver shaving mug and brush, as a token of their esteem.

Miss Lida Allen, teacher of the primary school, furnished a nice treat for her scholars. The intermediate school with Miss Helen Graves, teacher, held Christmas exercises which were much enjoyed by all present. Miss Graves has thirty-eight pupils. Those who did not miss a day for the term were: Hollis Butterfield, Ruby Patterson, Audrey Glover, Roger Glover, LeRoy Lodge, Charlie Dymont, Mina Dymont, Angie Sweet, Mabel Gilbert, Charlotte Bicknell, Mildred Chamberlain, Alice Chamberlain, Viola Tilley and Howard Chamberlain. The grammar school is taught by Miss Alice Briggs.

The supply of ice is being cut from Lake Auanguitook.

Mrs. Wm. Mitchell has been visiting in Lewiston.

The school at Gilbertville closed Friday with exercises.

Chas. F. Oldham has moved the building on his land near the fair grounds to the rear of his saw mill. It was moved by E. E. Fuller and Ralph Campbell with eight horses.

Miss Mabel Davis and friend of Ridgeway have been guests at the home of M. A. Walte and family.

J. Clyde Bicknell and family have been visiting Mrs. Bicknell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carver, of Winthrop.

Ethel Russell of Auburn and Ned Russell of Medford, Mass., are spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell.

Walter Gammon is at a hospital in Portland for medical treatment.

Geo. H. Stroyt and family have moved to Mexico.

A Christmas tree and entertainment was held at the close of the Tyler Corner school, Friday.

The churches in Canton will unite in having a Christmas tree at the F. B. Church, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson have been attending the State Grange.

Mrs. A. F. Russell of Canton has received word from her brother, J. Dana Sanders, of Detroit, Mich., that his wife who submitted to an operation for appendicitis on Dec. 8th, passed away Dec. 16. Mrs. Sanders was born in Pawpaw, Mich., 63 years ago. In 1831 she married John Dana Sanders, who was a native of Livermore, being the eldest son of the late John and Loretta Sanders. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, who at the present time are travelling in Egypt, and are expected to arrive at Genoa, Italy, this week. A sister and brother also survive.

The S. L. Club held a candy pull at the vestry of the Universalist Church, Friday evening.

Frank Richardson, one of the oldest residents of Canton, is ill.

The news of the sad death of Henry E. Curran of Rossville, Cal., has been received by Canton relatives. Mr. Curran was accidentally killed on a freight train of which he was engineer, Dec. 1, at Lincoln, Cal. He was 28 years old and the husband of Mildred DeLano Curran, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. DeLano, who moved from Canton to California many years ago. He leaves his wife, two little boys, also a father and mother.

The Misses Mildred Richardson, Ruth Richardson and Ada Donney are home from Leavitt Institute for the holiday vacation.

Bert Dodge recently killed a pig which weighed 332 pounds.

Dys-pep-lets

Made easily by C. I. MOORE CO.

contain the digestive principles of the gastric juices.

One crushed in the mouth and swallowed slowly, almost instantly relieves sour stomach, indigestion, heartburn and nausea.

Sugar-coated; do not seem like medicine, but like a delicious confection.

Why not try a box today? Your druggist has them at 10c, 25c, and 50c.

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BLUE STORES

Chinchillas in Overcoats are the Go this Winter

There are Chinchillas and Chinchillas. We think you will agree with us that they're the finest we've yet selected. All the latest effects. Short Nap Chinchillas, if you want to be in real style.

We've a splendid assortment in an extensive variety of stylish models in all the popular colors. Meltons and Kerseys, black and oxford effects. You will surely find a model to please you. Short and long coats; loose and also close fitting; some plaid back and satin shoulder lined. Many with belt back. All sizes. \$7.50, \$10, \$12, and up to \$25.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Olines have been to Detroit, Mich., to attend the marriage of their son, Harold Olines to Miss Thirza Haynes of Detroit.

Mr. Tucker has been chosen one of the vice presidents of the Freeport Poultry Association. He also secured several prize prizes with his fancy poultry at the exhibition held by that Association last week.

Mrs. Edie Everson of South Gardiner has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Yates and family.

Mrs. E. E. Westgate and daughter, Eleanor, have been visiting in Lewiston.

Mrs. Addie Shackley was at Livermore Falls, Saturday.

The Lucky Friday Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Worden, Saturday evening, when a good time was enjoyed. Candy and nuts were served by the host and hostess. The next meeting will be Jan. 1st with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Adams.

The remains of George Jones of Dixfield were brought to Canton last week for burial in Pine Woods cemetery. Mr. Jones was born in Canton one of six children born to Charles Jones and Nancy Griffith Jones. He was the youngest child, the others being Chas., Rutledge, Eugene, Susan and Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Towle entertained Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. House and children of No. Turner, Sunday.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. Lydia T. Walker were Alvah A. Towns of Waterville, Me., Mrs. Edie Waterman, Mrs. Olive Hathaway and Alfrado Dabier of Auburn.

Cyrus Heald has returned from his hunting trip with a deer.

Mrs. H. E. Parsons was at Rumford, Friday.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. E. P. Farrington was a guest of relatives at Berlin, N. H., last week.

Eva and Edith Pike were in Norway, Saturday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Field are guests of relatives and friends in Boston and Portland.

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Mrs. and Mrs. George Woolham were in Norway, calling on friends, Wednesday.

C. E. Stowell was in Portland last Tuesday, buying Christmas goods.

Miss Janis Jeffords has gone to her home at Westbrook for the holidays.

There will be a Christmas tree with appropriate exercises at the Union Church, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bartlett attended grange at Bryant's Pond, Saturday.

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RUMFORD

The new Mt. Zircron reservoir of the Rumford & Mexico Water District, has proven itself more than satisfactory since its ultimate completion, which fact bears out, in every particular, what was told by the trustees and the superintendent of the Water District to the many people of the town who have been so skeptical as to the advisability of taking the water supply from that source. Since the water has been turned on for the use of the townspeople, which date was Nov. 1914, the water in the reservoir has been steadily gaining, and by actual measurement, has increased 5 1/2 feet since that date, it having reached the height of 27 1/2 feet, which takes it some 2 1/2 feet over the second intake. The average gain of the water is about 150,000 gallons a day. The average flow of Mt. Zircron brook at present is estimated at about 500,000 gallons per day. The water is as white and clear as can be, and the facts of the case as stated above, proving themselves thus, in an autumn season, when the average rainfall has been far below the general average, shows, beyond any reasonable doubt, that the Rumford & Mexico Water District made no mistake in going to Mt. Zircron for the future water supply of the town, and that the amount of water to be gotten from that source, will be sufficient to supply Rumford for many years to come.

Miss Katherine Hassett, Miss Louise McMannin, and the young daughters of Judge Matthew McCarthy arrived in town on Saturday from St. Joseph's Academy, to spend the Christmas holidays with their people.

Dr. and Mrs. William T. Rowe are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Miss Mildred Wescott is clerking in the store of the Rumford Drug Co., during the holidays.

Miss Lena Mae Felt, stenographer for E. L. Lovejoy of the M. C. R. R., spent several days of last week in Lewiston, where she attended the meeting of the State Grange.

Rev. William Gaskin, pastor of the Universalist Church, has reconsidered his resignation, which he tendered about two weeks ago, and will remain with his people and his parish for some time longer.

Mr. Harold J. Higgins has completed his duties as ticket clerk at the passenger station of the Maine Central R. R., and his position is, at present, filled by Mr. D. M. Brainard of Portland.

The adult Bible class of the Virginia Chapel Sunday school, which was organized a few weeks ago with a membership of twenty-five, has now an enrollment exceeding fifty, and is still growing. The class has been named "The Friendly Adult Bible Class," and was chosen for its motto, "The Friendly Adult Bible Class."

Mr. Fred Sweetser is the class president, Mrs. Nettie Morrison the secretary, and Rev. John M. Arter the teacher.

Mrs. Z. Whynot, who was operated upon at Dr. McCarty's Hospital on Sunday last, was gaining nicely at last reports.

Miss Laura McMannin left the first of the week for her former home in Fredericksburg, N. B., where she will spend several weeks.

Miss Nellie McMannin is clerking in the store of the E. K. Day Co. The Gink Club met with Mrs. George Lapham of the Virginia District on Tuesday evening last.

George St. Pierre is recovering nicely from his recent operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton left the first of this week for Chebeague Island for a month's stay, where Mr. Hamilton is in hopes of regaining his health.

Richard Farrar, who was operated upon for appendicitis at McCarty's Hospital, is rapidly recovering.

It has been the usual custom for the scholars in the Chisholm building to buy presents for each other to place on a Christmas tree at the building. This

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Similar Cases Occur Daily in This Vicinity

Not only here in Bethel but in our neighboring towns, the same good story is heard. An encouraging instance from Rumford Falls is given here, and will be read by us with great interest.

"Some time ago I began having pains across the small of my back and they were so severe that I would almost faint," says G. B. McMannin, barber, of 11 Knox St., Rumford Falls, Me. "I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, taking them as directed. In a short time the pains left and I have had no return attack."

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year, the custom has changed. Instead of the Christmas tree, the scholars brought their money to the different teachers, and the same was turned over to the Searchlight Club to be used for buying clothing and food for the poor of Rumford. The contributions amounted to nine dollars. The children enjoyed a treat on the closing day, and all were happy in the thought that they had, in a small way, done their part towards making Christmas Day a happy one in a number of destitute families.

Frank Fitzgerald has gone to Ottawa, Canada, to finish learning the cigar making trade with Rose & Co., cigar manufacturers.

Frank Arsenault of Berlin, N. H., is at the Emergency Hospital, being treated for a carbuncle. Mr. Arsenault is one of the prominent French residents of Berlin.

Three candidates were initiated at the meeting of Purity Rebekah Lodge on Friday evening last, and fine refreshments were served at the close of the evening's work.

On Wednesday evening last, at the close of the session of the Itinerant's Institute in the Methodist Church, the fourth quarterly conference of church was held. The Rev. J. M. Frost of Auburn, district superintendent of the Augusta District, Maine conference, presided. Matters of routine business were given attention, church officers for the ensuing year were chosen and by unanimous invitation, Rev. John M. Arter, the pastor, was invited to return to the church for the second year, beginning May 1st, 1915.

Local horsemen held a meeting last week and formed the Rumford Falls Driving Association. The object of the Association is to prepare on the ice, or some suitable street, a track for the enjoyment of winter driving and matinee racing, with suitable prizes. The horses are to be in classes in order of the speed shown. George B. McMannin was elected president of the Association.

Mrs. Julia Shanahan has accepted the position as housekeeper at the Community House on Erskine street, Strathglass Park.

F. J. Kohlman, the Rumford cigar maker, has invented a machine for wrapping cigars which will do the work of six men. Mr. Kohlman has been offered \$30,000 for the invention, but has decided to wait until after the National Convention of Cigar Manufacturers, which will be held in Chicago next February, before selling the invention.

Miss Alice Brown, bookkeeper in the telephone office, is enjoying a vacation in Readfield.

Paul Curtis and son, Roscoe, are spending a few weeks at their old home in Calais and Pembroke.

Maie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marceau, who underwent an operation at McCarty's Hospital, by Dr. Toby of Portland, has returned home and is doing nicely.

Receiving an ancient and pleasing custom, Strathglass Commandery No. 21 of this town will entertain their ladies and invited guests at the asylum, Monday evening, Jan. 5th. Elaborate plans are being made for this ladies night, the first for several years, to be a distinct success. An orchestra of eight pieces, banquet by Grant of Lewiston, and offerings by Rogers & Kelley of the Health Bureau, are among the attractions.

Mrs. John Wallace and daughter, Alma, of Boston, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. A. B. Spencer is visiting her daughter in New Hampshire. She expects to be absent from home about a month.

Miss Frances Harris arrived home on Thursday last from Lowell, Mass., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris. Misses Harriet Merrill and Evelyn Fisher are clerking in Day's basement

WEST PARIS.

Merry Christmas Greetings.

All the stores are in their holiday attire and everybody getting ready for Christmas. The Universalist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and exercises at their church, and the Methodist and Free Baptist Sunday schools will unite in exercises and a tree at the Free Baptist Church.

Whooping cough is very prevalent among the children.

Miss Laura Barden has returned to Hebron to assist in the post office during the Christmas season.

Chandler Curtis is very ill from heart disease but is a little more comfortable at this writing.

Ellsworth Curtis returned from his hunting trip with two deer.

RUMFORD POINT.

Abbott Bros. are doing a logging job on the Jewett lot for F. H. Barlett.

John Howard and J. M. Dyer of Mexico were in town Saturday, buying deer skins.

Miss Alice Hopkins returned from East Wilton, Saturday.

W. H. Barker and wife are keeping house in the toll house.

Harry and Ernest Barker have gone to North Stratford, N. H., to work.

Ivan Stowe is sawing birch for Smith Bros. at Howard's Pond.

Miss Myrtle Foss of Mechanic Falls is visiting at D. A. Merrill's.

Born, Dec. 5th, to the wife of Walter S. Stearns, a son.

Born, Dec. 11th, to the wife of Guy G. Dolloff, a son.

SONGO POND.

Mr. Gilbert Rich of New York City arrived in Bethel, Sunday night for a short stay. He was at the "Roost" Monday.

Abner Kimball has commenced to put in his ice.

Mr. Herman Bennett visited in Lewiston last week.

Mr. Leslie Kimball has butchered three cows. He is sending them to Portland.

There will be a Christmas tree at Songo Pond school house, Thursday evening.

Mr. Phil Rolfe is working at the mill for Kilgore. He expects to move his family here the first of the week.

Mr. Jewett is boarding at Ellsworth Wilbur's.

MASON.

Miss Nellie Garey of Sumner, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Grover, has returned home.

Almon B. Grover of Gorham is at work in the woods for his brother, Eli A. Grover.

Fred E. Wheeler of Norway is at work for T. A. Merrill, sawing pulp on the landing.

Dana Hall of Bethel and a drover from Auburn were in town, Monday, looking after live stock.

Miss Marlon Dean is visiting friends and relatives in Lewiston and Auburn.

J. A. McKenzie was at home Sunday from his work in Albany.

A. J. Hutchinson is hauling pulp wood for D. W. Cushing.

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during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sweetser have started housekeeping in Virginia.

Mrs. Adam Young is visiting friends in Lewiston and Auburn.

A boxing exhibition took place in Magellan Hall on Wednesday evening last the main bout being between Shady McGrawick of Lewiston and Ernest Tibbodeau of Rumford. The semi-final was between Porkie Merrier of Rumford and Young War Eagle of Lewiston.

The preliminary was between Young Bill Fleming of Lewiston and Albert Gault of Rumford. Young Sam Langford vs. Albert Lajoie of Chelsea, Mass. William Norton acted as referee.

Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Crosby Lee spent the latter part of last week in Portland on business connected with St. Barnabas Church.

Mrs. B. J. McGraw and little child left town on Friday last for Mrs. McGraw's home in Portland, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

The basket ball game on Friday evening last at the Institute between Rumford High and Gould's Academy of Bethel, resulted in a score of 44 to 11 in favor of Rumford.

Miss Margaret Urquhart returned to Portland the first of this week accompanied by her sister, Anna. Miss Anna will remain for several weeks until her health is somewhat improved.

ANDOVER

James Porter, who has been working at Errol, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Howey.

The Young People have postponed their whist party until Thursday evening, Jan. 7.

Harrison Amber, who has finished a term of school at Rangeley, is in town stopping at Hotel Milton.

Doris Ripley from Mexico is visiting friends in town.

Effie and Florence Akers, who have been attending school at Gorham Normal, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Edward Akers spent a few days at Rumford recently the guest of her son, Nathan Akers and family.

Raymond Curtis, the high school teacher, left Saturday for his home in northern Maine.

Rev. Geo. Graham preached an interesting sermon at the Congregational Church, Sunday morning, from the text, Luke 2:41.

Edwin Noble from Hyde Park is spending the holidays at Glenellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomas were guests Sunday of their daughter, Mrs. Roger Thurston.

There will be a Sunday school concert and Christmas tree at the Congregational Church, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th.

The young people held their Whist Club, Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at the Hook and Ladder Hall with a good attendance. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Arthur Clark and Louis Hall.

The second by Victor Akers and Mrs. Chester Sweett. Refreshments were served.

Cabot Lodge, K. of P. worked the rank of Esquire on a candidate Friday evening.

Y. A. Thurston and G. E. Cushman were at Andover, Thursday of last week.

Ralph Howey, who is attending a Seminary at Sherbrooke, Canada, will spend the Christmas recess at his home in Andover.

Geo. Grover and T. I. Goddard from Rumford were visitors at Cabot Lodge, Friday evening.

The annual meeting of the King's Daughters' Association will be held at the home of Mrs. F. E. Leslie on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 7th, to elect officers for the year and transact other business.

The following officers for Cent Andover, Independent Order of Foresters, were elected Thursday evening, Dec. 10th:

Court Deputy—H. H. Morton. Court Physician—F. E. Leslie.

Past Chief Ranger—R. L. Thurston. Chief Ranger—O. A. Farrington.

Vice Chief Ranger—V. M. Perkins. Recording Secretary—L. M. Bodwell.

Financial Secretary—Sam Marston. Treasurer—C. B. Newton.

Organist—Mae Lobbes. Senior Woodward—Archer Cole.

Junior Woodward—Stephen Marston. Senior Beadle—J. A. Grover.

Junior Beadle—P. A. Crossman. The Ancient and Honorable Whist Club met Saturday evening at Mr. C. A. Hall's with twenty-two members present.

Mrs. Bert Hanson won the first ladies' prize and Y. A. Thurston the first gentlemen's. The second prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Thomas and Bert Rand. Refreshments of cake, sandwiches and coffee were served by the following committee: Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Leslie, Y. A. Thurston and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Holton Abbott.

The next meeting will be held, Saturday evening, Jan. 2nd.

Geneva Burgess has closed her school at the Surplus.

Stella Roberts, who is a student at the Farmington Normal School, is at home for the holidays.

H. A. Grover and Chas. Merrill are at home from Nova Scotia, where they have been for several weeks.

Henry Howard came home from Bowdoin College, Wednesday, for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Lena Graves has been visiting her daughter in Portland.

Keith Sweatt is at home for a two weeks' vacation from Hebron Academy.

Mrs. Web Leonard was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. H. Morton, Wednesday of last week.

P. P. Thomas has been on a business trip the past week to Quebec, Canada.

Chris Thurston and Gladys Howard are at home from Boston for the holidays.

Ray Thurston commenced hauling logs last week at Roxbury Pond.

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SUNDAY RIVER.

Terry Gaudet, who has been working at Roxbury, is at home to spend the holidays with his family.

School closes this week for the holiday vacation with the following program:

Selection, Phonograph, Faree, "A Love of A Bonnet."

Cast of Characters: Mrs. Clipper, Ruth Kendall, Kitty, her daughter, Alice Eames, Aunt Hopkins, Agnes Foster, Mrs. Fastone, Louisa Lowe, Dora, her daughter, Louisa Lowe, Katy Doolan, the maid, Enoch Foster, Selection, Phonograph, Dialogue, "The Doctor's Visit," Louisa Lowe and Enoch Foster, Scotch Dance, in costume.

Reading, Alice Eames, Recitation, Ruth Kendall, Followed by a Christmas tree.

Little Bruce Bailey, who has been sick, is on the gala.

Robert Foster's baby is quite sick. Dr. Wright is attending it.

Bert Paine is boarding at P. E. Lowe's.

J. J. Spinney, Walter Emery, H. M. Kendall and Lewis Spinney are hauling wool to J. A. Thurston's mill.

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FISH AS FOOD; OR FISH IN PLACE OF MEAT.

To the visitor to Boston from the Middle West and even from New York, one of the great attractions of this city is the delicious fresh fish which can be found here in a greater variety than in any other place in the United States. Inquiry at any of the great hotels in Boston will show that it is not uncommon for Western visitors at these hotels to eat fish at every meal during their stay; yet the average weekly consumption of fish in Massachusetts the year round is less than 13 ounces per person per week.

The public does not fully appreciate the healthfulness, palatableness and cheapness of fish as a food, and in order to educate the public to its value, the Directors of the Port of Boston have joined with the fishing interests to encourage and support this very important industry of this port. Boston is the largest fishing port in North or South America, rivaling Grimsby, England, as the greatest fishing port in the world. Already the Commonwealth has invested \$1,000,000 on the State's lands in South Boston in the biggest and best fishing pier in the world, on which the fishing interests of the port have erected \$2,000,000 worth of buildings for storage, ice-making plant and cold-storage plants; a total investment combined of \$3,000,000. During just one year (1913) the fish catch brought to this port alone was 170,000,000 pounds, worth \$7,500,000, the first price obtained. Last year over \$28,000,000 pounds of fish were taken from the waters of New England, or one-quarter of the entire catch of the country.

With the price of meat almost prohibitive—due to the fact that New England does not raise cattle to any appreciable quantity, and the increased cost of raising stock in the West, etc.—the Port Directors point out that fish is the only staple article of food to-day to which the people of Massachusetts, New England and in fact the entire country can hope to turn for relief from the high cost of living.

Practically all food as purchased contains two portions—one which can be eaten and the other which is refuse. Naturally, the part most interesting to the consumer is the eatable portion, which is made up of two parts—water and nutrients, which consist of protein, fats, carbohydrates and mineral matter or ash. We get the fats in meat, fish, butter, olive oil and the oils from corn, wheat, etc. The carbohydrates include the glucose, cane sugar and cellulose groups, as represented in sugar, starch, etc. The mineral matter or ash is represented in the phosphates of lime, potash of soda, etc., needed to assist digestion. While all these nutrients are necessary, it is with the protein, which builds and repairs the tissue of the body and brain, that the consumer is most directly concerned. This protein is found in the white of eggs (called albumen), in the curd of milk (called casein) and in the lean flesh of meat and fish—these two last articles of diet containing about the same proportion of this very necessary protein, with one advantage, however, that the price of fish averages from one-third to one-half that of meat.

If the housewife buys a pound of smoked ham at 25c, she gets 10 per cent. of protein, but if she buys a pound of haddock at 7c she gets 18 per cent. of protein; with a pound of pork chops at 25c, she gets 17 per cent. of protein and with a pound of herring at 8c, 10 per cent. of protein; sirloin at 30c gives her 10 per cent. protein, while beefsteak at 10c gives an equal amount of protein, and so on through the list. When a pound of fish at 10c gives the same amount of protein as a pound of meat at 25c, the east-coast housewife who does not take advantage of this great saving in money should not complain of the cost of living.

When the housekeeper knows and realizes that fish combined with bread, potatoes and other vegetables can be counted on to supply the demands of the human body as well as meat, there will be a larger demand on the part

of the public for fish. Not only is there a plentiful supply of fish to supply this demand, but the eastern coast market carries the following "staple varieties," the year around—bluefish, cod, flounders, haddock, hake, porgies or soup, halibut, herring, mackerel, pollock, whiting (silver hake), western salmon, sea bass, smelts, shad, weakfish. And even this long list does not include all the fish sold for food in our markets. At all times fish can be purchased at this port from 10 to 12c per pound while meat costs at least on an average of from 20c to 30c per pound.

Through habit and custom, fish at present has a place on our tables only once or twice a week, and as a result there is a woeful lack of knowledge in the United States as to the proper way of cooking and preparing fish for the table. The sauces which add flavor and piquancy, and the many necessary dishes such as salads, croquettes, patties, etc., are seldom considered with regard to fish in this country. With an increased use of fish will come better knowledge of the correct way to prepare and cook fish. The foreign-born population of the United States are in fact the real fish consumers of the country. They have brought their fish-eating habits with them from Europe, where fish, not meat, is the more common nitrogenous food; and they are accustomed to make an appetizing and satisfying meal of fish. We in the United States have done comparatively little to stimulate our fisheries, while the older nations have expended every effort to gather the crops that the waters yield so abundantly, and deliver them cheaply and in prime condition to their people, not only along the coast, but to extreme inland towns.

The average meat consumption of the individual in the United States has long been declining. Seventy-five years ago, one half of the national diet was meat, while five years ago (1910) it had dwindled to one-third, a decline of 16.6 per cent. due undoubtedly to the increase price of meat which had risen between 1897 and 1910 over 37 per cent. Yet with all the decline in the consumption of meat, the percentage spent for beef by the average Massachusetts family to-day is still higher than that spent for any other article of food, the expenditures of the household for meat being two-fifths of the total amount spent for all foodstuffs. Fish on the other hand has not increased in price over a quarter or a half a cent a pound in ten years, but the average family has not taken advantage of this low price for a nourishing food, for only 5.3 per cent. of the total expense for all foodstuffs went for fish. And all these out-of-proportion expenditures with fish containing much more nourishment than meat and purchasable at from one-third to one-half the cost!

Like many of our resources, we have not yet begun to fathom the value of the fish in our waters. Only time and necessity will teach what they mean to the Nation. Meat shortage was an old problem to other nations when the United States was in its infancy. And to add to this problem to-day we have the more recent one of disease rampant among our cattle. There is only one way to meet the problem of an increase of cost and shortage of meat, and that is to supplement our meat supply by turning to the sea for fish. There is a limit to the supply of cattle, but when we come to the fish of the sea, we find them feeding and breeding unaided, and practically in unlimited numbers. The land over which they swim and the water through which they float are free, and they pay no tithes. Food taken from the sea is not sent to the land. It is no way impoverishes the soil and in fact adds to the fertilizing elements of the country.

The Port Directors believe that the people of Massachusetts and New England, and in fact the whole country should make "EAT FISH" their slogan. They should make fish a part of their meal as often as possible, and in doing so they can be assured that it will give them the proper nourishment for sustenance, will reduce the cost of

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have introduced bills in Congress making it unlawful for business concerns in the United States to contract or ship to any nation at war, any class of ammunition, arms or armament. In line with this same theory that in order to maintain strict neutrality the United States should not permit its institutions to supply the needs of war, Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, has acceded to the request of President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan, and has cancelled an order from Great Britain to furnish twenty submarines at a net cost of \$350,000 each. American manufacturers have been meeting tremendous demands from the European nations for war supplies and equipment. All these shipments have gone to the Allies, since Germany has been inaccessible to our ships. And while, unwittingly, our aid has been a great boon to the Allies, Great Britain has been a perfect pirate in its interference with American shipping interests, and has overhauled most of the cargoes originating in the United States, and in many instances has prevented delivery of shipments on the general supposition that they were "suspicious." The advocates of the Hitchcock and Bartholdt measures declare that some sort of legislation of this kind is essential, and they hold out that this is quite necessary for the Congress to pass some such law in order to more fully protect and establish the neutrality which our government wishes to obtain.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR "TIPPERARY."

Josephus, the first, Lord of the American Admiralty, more familiarly known as the Secretary of the Navy, denies that he has forbidden the singing of that catchy air, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary,"—and whether "Tipperary" is against neutrality or not, it appears that a new jingle has been taken up by the middies. Try it on the melodeon:

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FORCING ORANGES TO BE GOOD.

The Agricultural Department at Washington declares that oranges are not mature unless the juice contains soluble solids equal to more than eight per cent of acid in the juice. Gentle reflection will likely produce an image of oranges that tasted like chips, but which from the exterior were all that could be desired. The "trick of the trade," against which the federal institution has directed a bulletin, points out that by a process of sweating or exposure in warm, moist air, oranges are given the appearance of being O. K., whereas they are in reality so far below what they should be that shipment in interstate commerce is being prohibited.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.

Last Christmas Eve a beautiful tree was placed immediately in front of the United States Capitol, and a Christmas festival was held on the Capitol plaza. It was the first recognition of the "Community Christmas Tree" idea, and it was so thoroughly appreciated by all who witnessed the gorgeous spectacle, that Vice President Marshall and Speaker Champ Clark, who controlled the plaza park, have consented to its use again this year. The "Community Christmas Tree" is an idea of one of the big eastern cities, but it is so pretty a custom that large and small places all over the country are adopting it. Try it in your own town.

NOW? WHO IS SUPPOSED TO READ IT?

Of course this is a big country, and it takes a lot of words and a lot of printing to keep the people informed as to the affairs of Agriculture. It is related that once upon a time a man who clamored for a big job was satisfied when set to work washing an elephant. This may have been a no larger task than to attempt to supply everybody with something to read, but the Agricultural Department has come very close to doing it. Nine according to the annual report of the Department 28,000,000 agricultural bulletins were distributed during the past fiscal year. The Superintendent of Documents sold 231, 321 documents for \$21,708.76, and the rest of the bulletins were distributed free.

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HUMAN HEALTH AND THE FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

The anxiety that has been expressed in several quarters in regard to the effect upon human health of the present outbreak of the foot-and-mouth disease is regarded by Government authorities as somewhat exaggerated. The most common fear is that the milk supply might become contaminated, but in view of the precautions that the local authorities in the infected areas are very generally taking, there is comparatively little danger of this. Milk from infected farms is not permitted to be shipped at all. The only danger is, therefore, that before the disease has manifested itself some infected milk might reach the market. For this reason experts in the Department of Agriculture at Washington recommend pasteurization. As a matter of fact, however, pasteurization is recommended by the department anyway for all milk that is not very high grade and from tuberculin-tested cows.

It has been demonstrated by experiments which have been made in Denmark and Germany that pasteurization will serve as a safeguard against contagion from the foot-and-mouth disease just as readily as it does against typhoid fever, but in any event it must be thoroughly done—the milk must be heated to 145 degrees F. and held at this temperature for 30 minutes.

In this country the foot-and-mouth disease has been so rare that there are few recorded cases of its transmission to human beings. In 1902 a few cases were reported in New England and in 1908 in a few instances eruptions were found in the mouths of children, which were believed to have been caused by contaminated milk. In both of these outbreaks the sale of milk was stopped as soon as the disease was found among the cattle. As long therefore as the disease can be confined by rigid quarantine to certain specified areas the danger from this source is very small. Should the pestilence spread all over this country and become as general as it has been at various times in large areas in Europe, the problem would become more serious. Under any circumstances, however, pasteurization would be an efficient remedy. Where pasteurization is not possible and where there is any reason to suspect that the disease may exist the precaution of boiling milk might be advisable.

Cows affected with the malignant form of the disease lose practically all of their milk. In mild cases, however, the decrease may be from one-third to one-half of the usual yield. The appearance of the milk also changes. It becomes thinner, bluish, and poor in fat. When the udder is affected, the milk frequently contains congealed fibrin and blood, so that a considerable sediment forms, while the cream is thin and of a dirty color. These changes, however, occur only when the disease is in an advanced stage, and as a matter of fact, the disease is not permitted to pass into an advanced stage, any stricken animal is at once slaughtered.

Men who come in contact with diseased animals may also become infected. In adult human beings the contagion causes such symptoms as sore throat, painful swallowing, fever, and occasional eruptions on the hands, face and feet. While causing considerable discomfort, however, the disease is rarely serious. Where it is very prevalent among animals, some authorities believe that it is fairly general among

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human beings, but that the disturbance it causes are usually so slight that they are not brought to the attention of the family physician. There is, however, a very good reason for everyone giving the diseased animals as wide a berth as possible, namely, that otherwise they may easily carry the disease to perfectly healthy herds. Federal inspectors engaged in the work of eradicating the pestilence are thoroughly equipped with rubber coats, hats, boots, and gloves, which may be completely disinfected; and others who lack this equipment are strongly urged not to allow their curiosity to induce them to become a menace to their own and their neighbors' property.

The disease, in short, is dangerous because of the loss that it occasions to property, and not because of its effects upon the health of mankind. At present all infected herds are being slaughtered as soon as they are discovered, the carcasses buried, and the premises thoroughly disinfected. Until all danger of infection has been removed in this way, the local authorities guarantee the milk.

THE KNOCKER'S PRAYER.

Lord, please don't let this town grow. I've been here for thirty years, and during that time I've fought every public improvement, I've knocked everything and everybody; no firm or individual has established a business here without my doing all I could to put them out of business. I've told about them, and would have stolen from them if I had the courage. I have done all I could to keep the town from growing and never have spoken a good word for it. I've knocked hard and often. I've put ashes on the children's slide and I've made the marshal stop the boys playing ball on my vacant lot. Whenever I saw anyone prospering or enjoying themselves I've started a reform to kill the business or spoil the fun. I don't want the young folks to stay in this town and I will do all I can by law, rule and ordinance to drive them away. It pains me, O Lord, to see that in spite of my knocking it is beginning to grow. Some day I fear I will be called upon to put down sidewalks in front of my property and who knows but what I may have to help keep up the streets that run by my premises! This, Lord, would be more than I could bear. It would cost me money, though all I have was made right here in this town. Then, too, more people might come if the town begins to grow, which would cause me to lose some of my pull. I ask, therefore, to keep this town at a standstill, that I may continue to be the chief. Amen!

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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1914.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1914, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1914, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1915, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Bethel Mfg. Co.	Factory	\$48.00	\$1.00
	Fishing Building	\$3.00	1.00
	East 1/2 of 23-0-00	0.00	1.00
	Common land on Newry line	4.00	1.00
Hartee, James	The Mitchell farm, south of highway	\$2.00	1.00
Cushman, Archie G.	Homestead farm	\$5.00	1.00
Geary Warren A.	Homestead	\$2.00	1.00
	The Valentine and Chapman Intervale	\$7.40	1.00
Jones, O. M.	Homestead at East Bethel	\$3.00	1.00
Kimball, Ellen E.	Homestead farm	\$1.00	1.00
Lewelly, Helen B.	Homestead farm	\$3.00	1.00
Osby, J. E.	Homestead at West Bethel	\$0.00	1.00
	Store at West Bethel	\$3.00	1.00
Hayford, Eugene	Homestead farm	\$1.00	1.00
Reed, Harry L.	Homestead at West Bethel	\$5.00	1.00
Small, Mrs. Vittel	Homestead	\$5.00	1.00
	The Godwin land	\$8.45	1.00
Vergh, Fred C.	Homestead farm	\$2.00	1.00
Wyman, W. F.	Homestead	\$1.00	1.00
Walker, Horace E.	Homestead	\$3.00	1.00
	West lot of A. B. Merrill	\$1.00	1.00
	Mason, part of 23-0-00	\$2.00	1.00
	1/2 of 15-0-00	\$2.00	1.00
Swan, Marcus E.	Homestead	\$2.00	1.00

N. F. BROWN,

Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Mason, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1914.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Mason aforesaid, for the year 1914, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May 1914, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at the Town House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1915, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
W. W. Mason Estate	Lot 2, Range C	\$4.81	\$2.00
	Lot 3, Range C	1.87	2.00
	Lot 4, Range C	.94	2.00
Frank Farnell Estate	1/2 acre in Lot 1, Range A	1.11	2.00

P. L. BRAN,

Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mason.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1914.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1914, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of August 1914, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1915, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Bethel & Mumford	The Dunham lot	\$6.00	\$2.00
Electric R. R.			
Blackman, R. W.	The Dole Lot, 18-5-123	17.00	2.00
Back, Charles	The Phebe Corson homestead, of A. B. Tyler	3.50	2.00
Day, George W.	Lot 7, Range 1, 123 acres	5.50	2.00
Estes, John M.	Part of Richard Estes Intervale	8.80	2.00
Richardson, John E.	The G. P. Bean Farm	66.00	2.00
	G. P. Bean McLean, 25-2-40	7.70	2.00
	Russell Pasture, 27-7-30	6.80	2.00

December 15, 1914.
N. F. BROWN,
Treasurer and Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1914.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Albany aforesaid, for the year 1914, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May 1914, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at the Town House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1915, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax	Charges
Byron A. Reed	4 acre in Lot 2, Range 3	\$10.50	\$2.00
E. B. Bartlett	40 acres in Lot 10, Range 11	3.00	2.00
Estate of W. W. Mason	134 acres in Lot 7, Range 3	15.00	2.00

December 15, 1914.
GEORGE CUMMINGS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

The loss in Ardabrook county during the past season from forest fires amounted to \$600, when 750 acres were burned, according to Land Agent Viles. This is a very small loss compared to average years.

Woodstock in Oxford county is the only place in Maine to have a 100th anniversary of its incorporation company in 1915 and it is the present understanding that the town will properly observe the occasion. The following years of 1915 will, however, have 12 places with a similar chance to celebrate—the towns of Brooks, Cherryfield, Corliss, Dexter, Greenwood, Guilford, Kingsfield, Moscow, Ripley, Wales and Wells. All are expected to celebrate.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

THE ISSUE OF 1916.

The Democrats claim that they have a walk-away in 1916.

The Republicans assert that the country is already tired of the Democratic administration, and they charge the low tariff has been producing hardships. Their theory is that they have a walk-away in 1916.

Progressives confidently assert it is the only strength in either one of the old parties remains in the pledges the people that they will carry Progressive principles in the future. They assert that notwithstanding the fact that they slumped nearly three-fourths of their strength in the election, that the reason all laid in fact that the Progressives joined the Republicans simply to lick Democrats. These Progressives in that in a national election where President is to be voted for that most progressive members of both old parties will stand together for a progressive program under the Progressive party banner in 1916.

The Prohibition party is "porking up," and its members assert that country is coming around to their way of thinking and bounds. Their joy knows bounds since they attained a majority in the House of Representatives on the question of a constitutional amendment providing for national prohibition.

Who will deny that America is nearer to political utopia, since nearly every one interested in politics can see out their coming victories?

THE POST OFFICE SURPLUS.

Former Postmaster General Hittcock claimed to have achieved a surplus in the Post Office Department, and so soon did he lose himself in the mining regions of Arizona than his successor, General Burleson, challenged the statement, and claimed that there had been a deficit of nearly a million dollars. Now the Postmaster General asserts that he has a real surplus receipts of \$3,500,000 or more, operating expenses. Perhaps it were Mr. Burleson right to have the credit refuse to admit his claim. They decided that if all the general expenses were paid from postal receipts, and not from the Treasury direct, that the surplus would vanish into thin air. Postmaster Generals have been juggling with the figures of surplus and deficits for years, principally because there has never been an intelligent accounting of the Post Office Department. They do not know, and neither does anyone else, the true state of Post Office matters. Millions of dollars worth of public property and buildings owned and occupied by the government appear to obscure the power of the Department to arrive at a true balance.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

The evidence is strong that the people who would dig into conditions regarding the lack of national preparedness are losing ground. President Wilson and the "War Ministers" the Cabinet promptly discouraged Congressional investigation, and for the President's tact came to the support of the Administration in saying that such investigations are useless. The result of the agitation indicates that the numerous investigations which have therefore been had along these lines produced more information than the country is willing or able to use. Undoubtedly there is a lot of cards in his sleeve which he could use in the war game if it became necessary.

IT'S A LONG WAY.

As a result of his recent unfortunate experience before the Supreme Court, it has been suggested at the National Capital that Harry K. Thaw might revise the words, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and substitute "It's a Long Way to Freedom."

THE CALIFORNIA EXPOSITIONS.

It has been announced that the opening of the San Diego Exposition has been postponed for several weeks. The San Francisco Exposition apparently has become a sort of side issue to the San Diego affair, if one is to judge by the representation given to the two shows in the public print.

Both Expositions claim, as the reason for their existence, that they are commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal, and while in these troubled times the Panama Canal is retaining neutral yet there appears to be a possibility of its being used for war.

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